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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS PINS SU EG CD NG

SUBJ: REBEL SITUATION IN CHAD'

REF: KHARTOUM 2221

1. SADAT'S CURRENT IMPATIENCE WITH NUMAYRI IS NOT PROMPTED BY ANY ANNOYANCE OVER NUMAYRI'S ANTI-SOVIET ACTIONS AND STATEMENTS AT THE TIME FAHMY WAS IN MOSCOW. ON CONTRARY, ALTHOUGH SADAT AUTHORIZED FAHMY TO GO TO MOSCOW, HE WAS FROM THE OUTSET DUBIOUS ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF THE MISSION. HE HAS HIMSELF CONTINUED PUBLICLY TO CRITICIZE THE SOVIETS.

2. RATHER SADAT'S IMPATIENCE IS PROMPTED BY GOE PERCEPTION THAT THE NUMAYRI REGIME IS WEAK AND IS NOT, IN HIS VIEW, TAKING ADEQUATE MEASURES TO PRE-EMPT THE POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER LIBYAN -INSPIRED COUP D'ETAT. FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH, VIRTUALLY ALL MY DIPLOMATIC CLLLEAGUES HERE, WHO ARE CONCURRENTLY ACCREDITED TO THE SUDAN AND HAVE RECENTLY VISITED KHARTOUM, HAVE  
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COME AWAY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT NUMAYRI'S PROSPECTS. SEVERAL OF THEM ARE OPENLY PREDICTING ANOTHER COUP D'ETAT ATTEMPT WITHIN THE NEXT HALF YEAR.

3. SIMILAR IMPATIENCE ABOUT WHAT EGYPTIANS REGARD AS SUDANESE LACADDASICAL ATTITUDE TOWARD THREAT HAS BEEN EXPRESSED TO ME BY GAMASY, LTG MOHAMED ALI FAHMY (WHO

HEADS EGYPTIAN DELEGAION TO JOINT MILITARY COUNCIL)  
AND BY FONMIN FAHMY. GOE REGARDS THE MAINTENANCE OF  
THE NUMAYRI REGIME AS VITAL TO ITS OWN SECURITY AND IS  
AWARE OF THECONSIDERABLE RESPONSIBILITY IT HAS ASSUMED  
IN SIGNING EGYPTIAN/SUDANESE MILITARY AGREEMENT SOME  
MONTHS AGO. AS SADAT HAS FREQUENTLY TOLD US, SUDAN  
IS ONE OF THE TWO PLACES WHERE EGYPTIAN TROOPS WOULD  
BE DEPLOYED ABORAD IF NEEDED.

4. IN ANY EVENT, SADAT AND NUMAYRI HAVE MEET IN LIBREVILLE  
AND HAVE HOPEFULLY COMPOSED SUCH DIFFERENCES AS THEY MAY  
HAVE HAD. WE NOTE PRESS REPORTS THAT BOTH SADAT AND  
NUMAYRI HAVE SPOKEN OF CONVENING TRIPARTITE UNIFIED  
COMMAND COUNCIL TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN.  
WHETHER SYRIA AGREES TO ATTEND REMAINS TO BE SEEN, BUT  
ONE SUBJECT WHICH WILL CERTAINLY FIGURE PROMINENTLY ON  
ANY AGENDA FOR SUCH A MEETING WILL BE LIBYAN BACKED  
REBEL ACTIVITIES AGAINST MODERATE AFRICAN REGIMES.

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